## RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES 235 PROMENADE STREET PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02908-5767

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED PERMIT ACTION UNDER THE RHODE ISLAND POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (RIPDES) PROGRAM WHICH REGULATES DISCHARGES INTO THE WATERS OF THE STATE UNDER CHAPTER 46-12 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS OF 1956, AS AMENDED.

DATE OF NOTICE:

August 21, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER:

PN 18-04

**DRAFT RIPDES PERMIT:** 

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER:

RI0100293

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

The City of Newport

and

Newport Water Services, LLC

43 Broadway Newport, RI 02840

250 Connell Highway Newport, RI 02840

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

The Newport Pollution Control Plant (Newport WPCP)

250 Connell Highway Newport, RI 02840,

Washington Street Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Facility, and Wellington Avenue CSO Facility

RECEIVING WATER:

Narragansett Bay - Newport Harbor/Coddington Cove

Water Body ID #: RI0007030E-01B (Newport WPCP)

and RI0007030E-01C (CSO Facilities)

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: SB1 (Newport WPCP) & SB (CSO Facilities)

The facility named above, which is the source of discharge, is a municipal wastewater treatment facility located at 250 Connell Highway, Newport, Rhode Island. The facility discharges to Narragansett Bay - Newport Harbor/Coddington Cove and the discharge consists of treated domestic and industrial wastewater. The facility is authorized by the RI DEM to discharge treated wastewater with RIPDES Permit No. RI0100293. The treatment consists of the following: coarse screening, primary settling, aeration, secondary settling, chlorination, and dechlorination disinfection. The plant upgrades submitted to the DEM on March 29, 2018 for Order of Approval indicates the WPCP will be switching from a chlorination and dechlorination disinfection system to an Ultra Violet (UV) disinfection system. The DEM has reviewed this submittal and issued Order of Approval (OA# 1681) and has prepared a permit modification that includes permit requirements to ensure that the UV disinfection system is operating properly.

## FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT:

A Fact Sheet (describing the type of facility and significant factual, legal and policy questions considered in these permit actions) may be obtained at no cost by writing or calling DEM as noted below:

Abdulrahman Ragab
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
RIPDES Program
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767
Phone: 401-222-4700, extension 7201

E-mail: Abed.Ragab@dem.ri.gov

The administrative record containing all documents relating to these permit actions is on file and may be inspected, by appointment, at the DEM's Providence office mentioned above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

## PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

Pursuant to Chapters 46-12 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws, a public hearing has been tentatively scheduled to consider this draft RIPDES permit, <u>if requested</u>. Requests for a Public Hearing must be submitted in writing to the attention of Abdulrahman Ragab at the address indicated above. Notice should be taken that if DEM receives a request from twenty-five (25) people, a governmental agency or subdivision, or an association having no less than twenty-five (25) members on or before 4:00 PM, Friday, September 21, 2018, the public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 5:00 PM Room 280 235 Promenade Street Providence, Rhode Island 02908

Interested persons should contact DEM in advance to confirm if a hearing will be held at the time and location noted above.

235 Promenade is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the DEM at 831-5508 (T.D.D.) 72 hours in advance of the hearing date.

Interested parties must submit comments on the permit actions and the administrative record to the address above no later than 4:00 P.M. September 28, 2018.

All persons who believe any condition of the draft permit is inappropriate, must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments and factual grounds supporting their position, including all supporting material, by the close of the public comment period on September 28, 2018. Commenters may request a longer comment period if necessary to provide a reasonable opportunity to comply with these requirements. Comments should be directed to Abdulrahman Ragab as directed above.

If, during the public comment period, significant new questions are raised concerning the permit, DEM may require a new draft permit or statement of basis or may reopen the public comment period. A public notice will be issued for any of these actions.

## FINAL DECISION AND APPEALS:

Following the close of the comment period, and after a public hearing, if such hearing is held, the Director will issue a final permit decision and forward a copy of the final decision to each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice. Within 30 days following the notice of the final permit decision, any interested person may submit a request for a formal hearing in accordance with the requirements of Rule 49 of the Regulations for the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

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Date

Jøseph B. Haberek, P.E.

Supervising Sanitary Engineer

Office of Water Resources

Department of Environmental Management